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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Editors page:

Welcome!! I guess that most of you will notice the new format of the Ghost Trackers Newsletter! It is much slimmer due to the fact that we have decided to print on both sides of the paper to help in keeping the cost of printing down and to prevent an increase in subscription rates. It may look smaller but actually there's the same amount of material inside each issue. This also helps with the postal charges as well. Any comments or feedback on this new format should be directed to me.

I would like to thank the following individuals for their contributions to the GRS:

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For articles/stories: Maurice Schwalm, Tom Perrott, James Crocker and June Francis.

And thanks always to Tom Perrott for the fine collection of books that he occasionally sends me! Thank you one and all!!!

I also would like to introduce the first three contributing members of the GRS: Joyce Hall, Rosalie Pavon and Jon Mullin. Each will, in addition to the newsletter and other benefits, receive a newspaper clipping service on an irregular basis for their particular area of the country. If you would be interested in becoming a contributing member, State Coordinator, Field Investigator, or Area Research Director, just drop me a line and I will give you all the important details!! Become an active part of the GRS instead of just a reader of the newsletter!

We are also looking for artists or those with some artistic talent to help design future covers for the newsletter. Those interested should also contact me personally. Each cover that is designed and printed by the GRS, that individual will receive the recognition and that issue FREE!

We have had so many entries in the latest contest for a motto or catchy phrase for the GRS, that we have decided to extend the deadline until the next issue. That means that you still have a chance to enter. Write for further details!

GHOST RESEARCH SOCIETY

This Halloween season is starting off on the right track for me, busy! I have already been interviewed on WALE-AM radio from Fall River, Massachusetts and have articles concerning my bus tours in Friends of Chevrolet Magazine and Inside Chicago. I will also be lecturing at several locations around Chicago for those who might never have seen me lecture, you might want to catch one of these presentations.

On October 17th, I will be lecturing at the Chicago Public Library and October 18th finds me at the Westmont Public Library. Call these facilities for further information! I will also be giving a talk on Spirit Photography at this years annual Fortfest sponsored by the International Fortean Organization. For further information contact: INFO, PO Box 367, Arlington, Va. 22210-0367. Author and UFO expert John Keel will also be present and a special bus tour of haunted Washington, D.C. will be conducted on Sunday. The Fortfest is scheduled for October 10-11, 1987.

Since the last issue we have greated 7 new members and have received 10 renewals from old and reliable members. Thanks to the old and greetings to the new!!

The newsletter of the quarter is "Fortean Times" published by Robert J.M. Rickard. Cost 4 issues/\$12, 8 issues/\$24, and is put out quarterly. It is always packed full of strange, unusual and Fortean phenomena. Great and interesting reading. Send your check or money orders to: Fortean Times, 96 Mansfield Rd., London, NW3 2HX, England.

I have just completed three lectures. One for the Mind Center in Skokie, Illinois, the 24th Annual UFO Conference in Burbank, California and the 3rd AA-EVP Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. This year has really found me traveling around the country to give talks, lectures and exploring the supernatural. During these travels thus far, I have met some rather big names in the business, sort to speak; John Keel, Brad Steiger, Martin Ebon Joseph Jockman, Eric Moseley, Hal Starr and Stanton Freidman. I also personally met William Moore, author of the book, "The Roswell Incident" and had a great time!

While in California, I visited the famous Winchester Mystery House and while in Baltimore, I gave a workshop/field trip to the Edgar Allan Poe house, Winchester Church, Cemetery and underground catacombs; where I took some infrared photographs. Initial analysis shows some large areas of white which could be some form of energy or spirit which was invisible to the naked eye. I will be subjecting them to further analysis and if proved to be something paranormal, I will print them in future issues of this newsletter.

The Excursion Into The Unknown tours will soon be in full swing with a buffet-style dinner at a locally haunted restaurant for October 30th & 31st only! Forms are included with the newsletter, so reserve your seats as soon as possible!! Happy Halloween!!!

SOME CLASSICAL BRITISH HAUNTINGS

By

Tom Perrott

Great Britain probably possesses more areas and sites reputed to be haunted, per square acre of its total area, than any other country in the world. This may be due to the fact that the inhabitants regard their hauntings as part of their heritage; so many of the stories dating from times immemorial, with their origins lost in the mists of antiquity.

The British people are proud of their historical heritage and consequently much money has been spent by successive Governments and various Voluntary bodies over the years to maintain these ancient castles, mansions and churches in as good state of preservation as is possible, thereby providing visitors to these shores with a multitude of interesting sites to enjoy and to reflect upon, in all their ancient glory.

Most people are probably already aware of the stories of phantoms, monkish figures and ladies in white, etc. which appertain to such places as the Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace and Windsor Castle, so for the purpose of this article I will concentrate upon a representative cross-section of churches, pubs and mansions whose fascinating legends are probably less well known.

It has to be remembered that many of these stories are purely legendary and in many cases there have not been any spectral sightings for a very long time.

In the Border country which divides England from Scotland, may be found the ruins of Melrose Abbey, which was rebuilt in the 14th century by King Robert the Bruce. Strange stories have been told of feelings of cold and general unease being felt on the south side of the chancel, in the vicinity of the tomb of Michael Scott, a famous mediaeval astrologer and magician.

The ghost of a monk who broke his vows and pursued a life of vice and vampirism, has sometimes been seen slithering along the ground in a prone position between the cloisters and the chapter house.

Levens Hall, an old Elizabethan mansion near the town of Kendal in Cumbria has been plagued by many phantoms, some seen as recently as 1972. Ghosts include phantoms of a Lady in grey and a Lady in pink, a Black Dog which has been seen by the main stairway, a phantom Coachman with a female passenger and a gypsy girl who knocks on the front door and vanishes.

At the Town Hall office in Rochford, Essex, a recent report in the weekly journal *Psychic News* tells of the ghost of an old man dressed in a dark suit and wearing a beard and long moustache. Previous to the sighting by the wife of a BBC employee, a caretaker had once felt a hand on her shoulder and workmen alleged that on occasions they had seen a cloaked figure. It was common belief that the death of an elderly man had once taken place on the premises.

In the same town at the New Ship Inn in about 1950, a

former landlady and her husband alleged that they had heard strange footsteps at closing time. She claimed to have gone in to her bathroom, where she encountered some soft resistance that had gently repelled her. The following year footsteps were heard ascending the stairs about 2-3 a.m. The landlady and her husband both went into the cellar, where they were met by the same feeling of resistance.

In West Street, Buckingham, stands an old building known as Castle House. For many years it was believed to have been haunted by the ghost of a Jesuit priest, who had ministered to the spiritual needs of Katherine of Aragon, the first Queen of Henry VIII. In 1908 when it was wired for electricity, a Priest's Hole was revealed above the entrance to the Great Parlour, which contained the skeleton of a man.

A delightful story is attached to Thorpe Hall, another stately mansion, situated near the town of Louth, Lincolnshire. A former owner Sir James Bolle, who was already married, fell in love with a beautiful Spanish girl in 1596. As a parting gift she gave him a picture of herself in a green dress and had then committed suicide. Ever since, her ghost in a green dress has been said to appear in various parts of the house.

These then are a few prime examples of a cross-section of our lesser-known classical hauntings. One has to appreciate, however, that many alleged phantoms are possibly nothing more than puffs of vapour carried along by thermal currents and inexplicable noises could often be merely "rats in the wainscot" or caused by temperature changes causing seasoned timbers to either expand or contract.

Nevertheless, many of these enchanting old stories are folk-memories of past events almost forgotten and it would be a great pity if these details were allowed to sink into complete obscurity as a result of their being discredited by the iconoclastic treatment of psychical researchers like myself.

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GHOSTS OF FELLS POINT!

Researched By Mystic Press

Through the years, Fells Point has been known for its culture, progress, business growth and so much more. Along with this there has also been its share of waterfront activities, mysterious deaths, murders, and other unusual occurrences. Fells Point, is a city unto itself. A socially thriving area along with its hidden secrets, and also that of the Spirit World which residents and visitors come across at different times.

It is not unusual for residents to exchange their ghost stories or of mystical strange occurrences. In the many small homes one often wonders if their eyes are playing tricks or what was the strange sound that they had heard.

For quite some time, these many buildings that are small in structure remained rustic and secluded in the fast pace world. Many date over 100 years old, often dimly lit, moderately kept, and set in a calm routine of the area. But even now, as a major renovation of many homes are underway, the modernization of restating their original charm from days of old have not chased the ghost or that of the stories away.

On any chilly night, when activity is at its least, you can walk or drive from Central Avenue toward Eastern and Broadway. There on the corner of Broadway and Eastern stands a tall building with a tower that peaks the black sky. Occasionally, on some of those nights, one can look up at the very top where only a few windows are seen and note a pale yellow light. Looking closer, you will see a tall dark figure carrying a candle and slowly move about the small area. He casually steps from one window to the next, looking out over the Fells Point area as though observing any activity. It is said that he watches for an enemy invasion, as was the custom during the Revolutionary War when British ships came upon Fort McHenry. Patterson Park was in fact a look-out post at that time, so it stands to reason that the tower could serve the same purpose. The ghost of the tower can be seen with a pig-tail which was the custom of mens hair-styles of so many years ago. Once the image makes his round about the windows, the candle suddenly goes out and blackness shrouds the tower once more.

On Shakespear Street off of Broadway sets a large stone on a ground of cement with an old iron fence before it. The stone has a recording of the Fell family. Of Edward and William Fell, then noting their descendants and wives whose last names were Bond. It is said that this be their grave yard and the stone marks the place of rest for all of them. But does the Fell family really rest, for it has been said that on some occasions, a man dressed in clothes of the 1700-1800's at times can be seen in Fells Point. He had been reportedly seen along the waterfront or along many of the small streets. It is said that he walks about, looking over the area as if surveying its condition. Some have also said, they had seen him walk by, then once passing the strange man, they would turn to look at him again but he was no where around. Could it be that Mr. Fell is still looking after his property.

There are many stories of ghosts and supernatural occurrences within the Fells Point area. In one house that a friend of mine lived, he had told me that he had gone up to the half-rooms of what would be the attic of his home. At the top of the stairway, he said he had unbolted a door that he was sure was closed and secured for a very long time. Undoubtedly it was, for when he entered the two very small low-ceiling rooms, he found it to be extremely dusty, filled with very old furniture, many items belonging to a child and a skeleton in the small bed. For some time after opening up the attic, he said that he could hear the crying of the child at night. After a year, he sold the house.

Of a similar circumstance, another person had reported that on buying their home, they had taken up the floor boards to replace them with new flooring. When the very old boards were removed, two skeletons dressed in extremely old clothing (male and female) were found laying side by side. The remains of these people were removed and the new floor put in, but soon after, the owners claimed that he and his family could hear the eerie scratching sounds that came from under the boards - exactly where they had found the skeletons.

As we all know, many of the very old houses in the area are under renovation and improvement. Yet, there still stands a house in the 1600 block of Eastern Avenue that remains unoccupied and in its original rustic state. I personally lived in that house for a good while and can recall several times when a vision appeared in the middle of the night. It would move slowly across the my bedroom in the dark, then turn and ask, "Why are you in my house?" On one occasion, I had picked up a shoe, threw it at the vision. I watched as the shoe struck an invisible barrier before it got to the vision, then fall to the floor. When I did that, the vision raised his arms, screamed, then quickly vanished.

Down at the foot of Broadway is a Tavern by the name of "The Whistling Oyster". I came across the fact that ghosts did actually exist within this tavern and in talking with the owner, she stated that there are actually ghosts there. On several occasions, she and also her customers have seen the ghosts. At times they being two white men, standing and talking with each other, and at other times, that of a black man. Should you care to stop there, located at 807 S. Broadway, I'm sure over a cozy brew the owner would confirm these sightings to you. The people there are friendly, the atmosphere comfortable, and should you look about - you too may very well see some of these ghosts.

Off of Thames and Bond there stands a large vacant building and to the right of it, a large pier/lot. It has been reported that on walking about this large lot, voices could be heard. Faint and distant, but distinct enough to know that they come from the immediate area and not the nearby taverns. I've also been told that upon some misty nights, one could see a woman walking about the pier dressed in the style of the late 1700's. Who could this be, the Lady of the misty nights? On this same large size pier, there are those that have reported hearing the sounds of men and ships sails within the area. Not only of this, but also that of seeing faint images of people and sail

ships have been reported, moving about in activity. This could very well prove that the people of Fells Point past history still linger and live within this area. It would not surprise anyone should this be the case, for Fells Point is known for its charm, the enticing spell of down to earth living and the warm feeling of living in the past.

Although not in Fells Point, but that of a walking distance from the area lays in the Inner Harbor the USS Constellation. For years, it has been said that the Ghosts of the men who sailed her during the early years of this country are still aboard. At certain times of the year, a strange creaking could be heard, also that of mens voices and a flapping of canvas as though the ship were under sail. Deep within her deck structure are the old cannons and areas where the crew and officers once lived. It is said, that no one dares to sleep aboard her throughout a night! For doing so, they come to see and know that of the long departed crew - who are not friendly to intruders of their own nightly water voyage.

A young Englishwoman living in India reported that on March 19, 1917, she had been playing with her baby when she looked up to see her brother - who was an airman - standing in the room. Pleased to see him, thinking he had been unexpectedly sent out to India, she turned back to greet her brother, he was not there. She called out, and looked all over the house, but there was no sign of him. Only then did she realize that she had seen an apparition. Two weeks later she learned that her brother's plane had been shot down in France on March 19, 1917. The very day she saw him!

Though apparitions (ghosts) seldom talk, they sometimes deliver a warning or message. There is a case whereby in a plane crash, one member died and the other lived being put into the hospital. Later, when the survivor was going to leave the hospital and head to a favorite tavern, the dead friend appeared at the hospital window, tapping upon it and shaking his head that indicated, no. What the ghost tried to do is prevent his friend from going to the tavern for when he got there, soon after the place caught fire and the survivor of the plane crash also died in it.

Tales of ghosts sightings, strange occurrences, and spiritual phenomenon have been contributed by a variety of individuals of the Fells Point area by word of mouth. Though ghost stories are difficult to validate, ghosts do in fact exist.

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MY INVISIBLE PARTNER

By

Rev. Maria D'Andrea

Spirits have an energy body that is very real. The energy is tangible. Just as we can not see electricity, but we know it is there as a physical force.

When it is possible, spirits will help us. I was working with detectives on a case that involved the murder of a man. His spirit helped to find his killers. His relative came to me to find out with the detectives how he died.

Holding a picture of him to receive psychic information (psychometry), I looked up to "see" him standing in back of one detective. He showed visual aspects of the scene. He was in New York City, in a bar. He looked as though he was attempting to speak. However; I could not understand the words. He seemed to smile in understanding. Then I was looking at the scene as it actually unfolded.

He was being attacked in the bar by two men and people were watching, but not doing anything to help. There was a woman in the back of the room who felt connected with the men. During the fight the man was killed, and the two men and the woman ran out into the alley in the back of the bar.

They were easy to describe now, having seen them. I also felt from the Spirit that they were now in Kentucky in a blue van, but not for much longer.

Upon checking, a few people in the bar that night admitted being a witness to the killing. The authorities in Kentucky were notified. (Just in case). Due to the Spirits' help, the three people were caught as they were about to leave the state.

If it wasn't for the Spirit trying to get through and sending a feeling of his presence, and through his energy the picture of the crime, they would have gotten away. Perhaps permanently.

When there is a Spirit trying to get through, you will sense it. Whether you wish to deal with it or not, depends entirely on you. We have free will and thus a choice.

At times, it can be a difficult experience. We are all connected through energy. If you find you are dealing with a Spirit, ask if it is positive. You will get an answer, a feeling. If you feel it is not, command it go away NOW, and it will. It is our choice. Remember, we are all made of energy in one form or another. On varied levels, we can be of help to one another.

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A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER

By
June Francis

You asked me to tell you of my encounter with the spirit world in which I saw my deceased husband. The circumstances were indeed strange. My husband, unfortunately, was killed in a motorcycle accident. He was struck from behind and "never knew what hit him". This sudden transit from life to after-life was apparently very confusing to him. The night after he was killed, I awoke from sleep to find his figure standing by my bed. He was wearing the clothes he wore when he was struck and carried the helmet under his arm. He peered down at me as though trying to figure out what had happened. He looked very perplexed. He also looked very solid, not floating or wispy but in solid form. I was too startled to make any outcry or any comment. Strangely enough I calmly laid down after he had vanished and went back to sleep which in itself seemed odd and yet I am sure it was not a dream.

About 2 days later I walked into the living room and although I did not see him, I had a feeling of his presence and a feeling of great joy and happiness, as if he had come to terms with what had happened. I wondered if that would be the last time I would see him but he appeared several other times.

The next experience I recall was when I had returned from a lengthy trip through desolate country. I pulled into the driveway on my return with great relief that the journey was over. I looked up and standing in front of me beyond the gate, in his usual clothes, and with an expression of deep concern, stood the figure of my husband. He appeared absolutely lifelike. He looked at me for what seemed like a full minute and then vanished.

I had been meaning to get my car inspected as I had a feeling that something was wrong. Sure enough my car had a serious problem with the steering wheel. As I picked up my bill at the crowded service center, I realized I had the wrong bill. It was for a Mr. Francis on Heather Road and was for a carburetor, which was not what was wrong with my car. I called the clerk and he said - Yes, here is your bill. I thought, how strange, that another Mr. Francis living on Heather Road (that is the name of my husband's grandchild) should turn up just at that time. Was my husband trying to tell me that I really did see him, and that he was concerned about my car before I knew what was wrong. Amazing coincidence!

One other comment I would like to make about this is that when I saw my husband I was completely calm and did not react as I would expect, that is I was neither frightened nor overjoyed but just walked calmly into the house. I wonder if this indicates an altered state of mind which left me open to such an appearance.

The next occurrence was not as striking. However, I was watching a very scary movie on TV and I felt the couch depress as if someone was sitting down. Now since I have a cat, I thought that it was the cat jumping up to keep me company but

when I checked I found that the cat was no where in sight.

Another time I was very distressed over the actions of one of my children and lay in bed very tearful and not feeling well. I dropped off to sleep only to awaken suddenly. From my vocal chords, in a croaking sound, but unmistakably, came "I love you". That was a little scary.

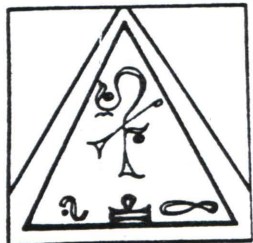
Many times I have sensed his presence in the back yard where he loved to be. I was hauling rocks in a wheelbarrel, a labor to which I am not accustomed, and I felt him staring at me, disapproving of this heavy work. Suddenly I lost control of the wheelbarrel and all the rocks and the barrel and myself went tumbling down a slight hill. Miraculously the rocks were spread in a perfect circle around me and I was unhurt.

Several times I have had the feeling of passing through an energy field. Most observers report intense cold and under other conditions I have felt this phenomena but in my home the energy field seems very warm and tingly. Why this should be so I don't know and wonder if anyone else has had this experience.

It has now been 10 years since my husband passed away and I have not had any recent sightings. I feel though, that in time of trouble he would "gear down" and appear again but it is my belief that we all go on to greater development and I do not wish to hold him back, but look forward to our eventual reunion in another plane of reality.

Submitted by: June Francis, Member of GRS from Roslyn, Pennsylvania.

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OLD MILL HAUNTED BY YOUNG WOMAN - March 9, 1985

Manotick, Ontario (Canadian Press) - Organizers for the 125th anniversary celebrations at Watson's Mill don't know whether Anna Currier will appear for the festivities, but they suspect stories about the young woman who was crushed in mill machinery in 1861 may spark public interest. In the evening shadows of a hot Ottawa summer, the 5 story mill on the Rideau River just south of Ottawa is a hunched silhouette as silent and eerie as its legend.

Visitors claim that a young woman in a flowing white gown sometimes peeks from a second-story window before resuming her lonely pacing in the mill. "I have never met her, but people say they've seen her - especially on a summer night when the shadows are tall", says Patricia Shotton, a heritage technician for the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. The mill was built in 1860 by Joseph Merrill Currier and shipping magnate Moss Kent Dickinson. Currier and Dickinson spared no expense on the mill, which was originally used to grind flour and saw lumber. It also served as a woollen mill. They imported Buhrstone quartz from France for millstones, plastered the walls and even indulged in hand-carved woodwork. At the time Currier was recovering from the death from scarlet fever of three of his four children, and death of his wife, Christina, three years later. But with the mill finished and operating successfully, Currier proposed to Anna Crosby. The two were married about a year after the mill opened. They returned to Manotick from a honeymoon in New York for the mill's first anniversary.

Elegantly dressed in a flowing gown, a radiant Anna proudly took her husband's arm and led guests on a tour of the mill. The guests wandered around the huge grain bins on the second floor, unable to hear Anna's screams above the clacking din of the grinders and the roar of the water-powered turbines. She had gone too close to a spinning shaft.

The revolving spindle caught her billowing skirt and wound her into the machinery. She was hurled against a post and died when her skull was crushed. Currier was so distraught that he sold his share in the mill to Dickinson. The mill changed hands several times before the conservation authority bought it. While many visitors are interested in the factory for its historic value, Shotton says Anna's ghost is now as famous as the mill itself.

"The first thing people want to know is where the ghost is and where Anna died", Shotton says. "Some of the kids even ask if there's still blood stains".


OCCULT INTERESTS BOTHER PRINCESS DIANA - January 9, 1985

Toronto (Canadian Press) - In an article by Sun writer Linda Barnard, it is revealed that Prince Charles has developed a flourishing interest in the occult. According to British gossip columnist Nigel Dempster, Charles is involved in everything from astral projection to seances and spiritualism. "Somewhere in the deep dark recesses of Kensington Palace, all sorts of spooky things are going on", Dempster said on CBC's

Variety Tonight. "I'm very worried. So is the Queen. And Diana won't have anything to do with it", he said. In fact, the princess told one friend: "I think Charles has gone a little potty (nuts)", Dempster continued. Like Canada's former prime minister Mackenzie King who saw visions in his shaving cream, "talked" to Hitler and communicated with his dead mother and favorite pets, Charles is trying to find a late relative - his slain uncle, Earl Mountbatten of Burma. Mountbatten, Charles' favorite relative, died on August 27th, 1979, when IRA terrorists exploded a bomb on his boat. "Charles misses his late uncle, Earl Mountbatten", Dempster related, adding that the heir to the throne has tried Ouija boards and seances to communicate with him. "This clearly hasn't worked out to Charles' satisfaction", he said. "This could get a bit spooky".

Dempster said Charles has resorted to astral projection - attempting to have out-of-body experiences. Charles became a believer recently after a couple on England's east coast reported being awakened by "a vision" of him. Charles has become a vegetarian and has virtually quit hunting, deer stalking and grouse shooting, once his favorite pastimes. According to Dempster, Princess Diana is very worried. "I believe every word of it", Dempster said. "Prince Charles is known to be doing this".

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OPINION POLLS

Susan Zabel of Groton, Connecticut writes, "Possibly, readers could submit any personal encounters with visitations from spirits passed over - even if visitations from friends, relatives, or phone calls from those passed over; and what the message(s) were, if any."

Debra Munn of Powell, Wyoming comments, "The newsletter needs better editing so that it reads more smoothly and clearly. Also, the grammatical errors should be eliminated. (I can't help commenting on these things since I'm a writer, college composition teacher, and free-lance editor!) The articles are enjoyable and informative."

Jon Mullin of Dallas, Texas says, "The newsletter is good, not perfect, could stand some improvements, but it is good. I feel that the majority of people who are interested in ghosts and related phenomena would enjoy it. I do. I enjoy the newsletter very much but I must agree on some points with Caryn Ecker and Robert Blau, Jr. Namely, splitting the U.S. into regions is a good idea if it can be worked out; the newsletter should concentrate mainly (though not exclusively) on ghosts; the articles are good but should tend to reflect an objective, scientific viewpoint; there should be more first-hand ghost tracking experiences and an occasional 'how to' article dealing with a specific aspect of the ghost tracking business wouldn't hurt either. The newsletter should convey as much information as is possible. You have a fine publication here and do an admirable job, but I am of the opinion that it could be a bit better. Much good luck to you."

Ron White of Suwanee, Georgia writes, "Need articles telling 'how to' be a ghost hunter. What type of research and data needs to be collected? Do you attempt communication through a seance? After you've gathered the information that you need, do you just leave the spirit alone or do you encourage to leave by guiding it to 'the light'? Can you recommend a 'how to' ghost hunting guide? (I've already ordered, 'The Common Sense Approach To Ghosts' By Robert L. Gruzdis). Do your psychic abilities have to be especially good to do well at ghost hunting? Is it possible to make ghost hunting a full-time career or is it best left as a hobby? I feel that future issues really need to have more 'meaty' ghost articles. By the time you eliminate the editors page, book reviews, opinion polls, psychic seminars page and classified ads, you've got less than half a newsletter devoted to ghost information. Also you need to expand past the Chicagoland area. Having never been there, it's hard for me to relate. Devote an equal share of time to stories around the country and abroad. I would also like to see a section devoted to parapsychological educational centers across the country so that those of us who would like to seriously study parapsychology could find a facility to do so".

Editors note:

We are putting together a group of "how to" articles for future issues of the newsletter, including: Spirit Photography, Ghost Researching, choosing a psychic/medium to work with and many others. Watch for them! We also ask that members submit their articles and "how to" columns for publication!

As far as research & data which needs to be collected; all forms of information including past history of residence, medical background of individuals, any patterns that are followed by events and regularity of events, witnesses to phenomena and any past investigations conducted. When this is accomplished, we enter all the information into a computer and save for future reference and evaluation.

We always encourage the spirit to move on through it's own accord through the use of a trance-medium or clairvoyant but never suggest that it go to "the light" because we also appear as lights to spirits because we give off our own form of illumination through our aura. You could therefore be telling a spirit to stay here and follow an individual rather than trying to get it to make the transition to the other side.

Your psychic abilities don't have to necessarily be good if you are working with a psychic, clairvoyant or medium. I always recommend working with a team. It's much too difficult for one individual to do all the work and investigating, picture taking, taping, etc., and another person here would be extremely useful!

Ghost-hunting can become a full-time career eventually, but at present, there isn't enough money involved to "pay the bills". Until you build up a reputation and publicity, it's better left as a hobby!

As far as a section devoted to parapsychological organizations in the newsletter, this is where our numerous directories come into play. We now have five different directories listing hundreds and hundreds of individuals and organizations dealing with parapsychology, occult publications, astrology, witchcraft, UFO's and a Psychic Directory. If you're interested, you might want to consider ordering one or all of these to supplement your newsletters!

We have already begun to expand beyond Chicago, several issues ago, with the addition of Tom Perrott from England and W. Ritchie Benedict from Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Others will be also be added in future issues!

BOOK REVIEWS

Amazing Discoveries of Physical & Spiritual Life After Death Unveiled by Rod Edwards (S.P.I.R.I.T.S., Box 1720-A, Garden Grove, Ca. 92642, 1986, 143 pages, \$12.70)

When I first saw this book advertised in an occult publication, I thought, "What a wonderful book. It's going to teach the novice and expert alike, how to photograph ghosts!" However, out of the 143 pages in this book, only 20 pages is devoted to the subject of spirit photography. Granted there are photographs every other page, only a few of them (according to my analysis of the pictures) could be of a paranormal nature. The others are obviously: light reflections, bad film, under/over exposure and fogging of the film due to faulty processing. There are a couple that require further examination!

The rest of the book (some 123 pages) is devoted to the trials and tribulations of Mr. Edwards and his everyday life, including certain mystical experiences he supposedly had. It is written in a manner that only a scholar in Theology could understand. All in all, not one of the better books that I have read on the subject and I don't recommend it. Rated 2 out of a scale of 1-10.

The Ghostly Register by Arthur Myers. (Contemporary Books, Inc., 180 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Il. 60601, 1986, 378 pages, \$9.95)

A truly excellent state by state guide-book of haunted locations tastefully assembled by Mr. Meyers with pictures, sources and each story is divided into sections such as: location, description of place, ghostly manifestations, history, identity of ghost, personality of ghost, witnesses, best time to witness, still haunted, investigations and data submitted by.

There is also a large section in the back devoted to "Need Help With Your Ghost?", which lists individuals to contact if you are troubled by a pesky spirit. Some organizations are also listed.

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All the above reviewed by: Dale Kaczmarek, Pres.

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